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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**ATTENTION: DIRECTORS, CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS,
SUPERVISORS, AND SOCIAL WORKERS**

SUBJECT: NCDSS NC KIDS ADOPTION NETWORK EXCHANGE WEBINAR

REQUIRED ACTION: Immediate Time Sensitive **Information Only**

November is National Adoption Month, and our national theme is “Empowering Youth: Finding Points of Connection.” The National Adoption Month campaign seeks to increase national awareness of adoption issues, bring attention to the need for adoptive families for teens in the foster care system, and emphasize the value of youth engagement. North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS) is excited to announce an upcoming webinar for the NC Kids Adoption Network Exchange.

NC Kids is the official Adoption Exchange program for the State of North Carolina. NC Kids Adoption Network Exchange program assists local agencies with finding permanent families for children in foster care who are legally free for adoption and assists approved adoptive applicants in their search for waiting children. *All waiting children without an identified adoptive family must be registered with NC Kids within 30 days of becoming legally free for adoption.*

The Special Programs Team will hold a webinar on November 30, 2023, from 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. Please register by clicking the following link: <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/2558070311894027011>.

During the webinar, we will provide an overview of NC Kids Adoption Network Exchange.

If you have any questions, please contact Special Programs Manager, Shirley Williams at 919-527-6404 Shirley.williams@dhhs.nc.gov.

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